



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2022, at 5:30 PM

La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

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MINUTES

PREAMBLE: This is a social holiday City gathering of the City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff that due to quorum(s) being present, constitutes a public meeting thus must be noticed per public meeting law (Sunshine Laws). There is no old or new business scheduled and all business of the Regular City Council Meeting will commence after conclusion of the gathering and subsequent initiation of regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richer called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Councilors Present:

Mayor Richer

Councilor Van Damme

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Staff Present:

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager

Ashley Ivans, Assistant City Manager

Alexa Repko, Principal Planner

Amanda Metcalf, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Three (3) minutes per person; when asked to the podium, please state your name and whether you live within La Pine city limits.

There were no public comments.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Any matters added to the Agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this Agenda or such time selected by the City Council

Mrs. Ivans added an agenda item for the opening of a bank account with LGIP which will be discussed under item 5.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Information concerning the matters listed within the Consent Agenda has been distributed to each member of the City Council for reading and study, is considered to be routine, and will be enacted or approved by one motion of the City Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired concerning a particular matter listed within the Consent Agenda, that matter may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda by request of any member of the City Council.

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No motion made or seconded, however all councilors were in favor of approving the Consent Agenda

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. City Council sub-committee appointments (discussion)

Mr. Wullschlager sub-committee appointments for the upcoming twelve-month period. The following appointments were made.

- Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT): Councilor Van Damme
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC): Councilor Van Damme/ Councilor Ignazzitto (second)
- Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO): Mayor Richer and Mr. Wullschlager
- Sunriver/La Pine Economic Development (SLED):
- League of Oregon Cities – Small Cities Network: Councilor Shields
- Deschutes River Basin Water Study Group:

- Urban Renewal Agency: Councilor Ignazzitto
- Regional Solutions Center:
- Regional Housing Council: It was decided to wait until the State Government meets. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Regional Homelessness action: Mayor Daniel Richer

2. Proclamation 2023-01 -Year of the Volunteer

City Administration was approached by Ms. Kenna Sneed with a request for the formal recognition of 2023 as Year of the Volunteer. Ms. Sneed is a community advocate and volunteer coordinator who had previously held a city sanctioned volunteer appreciation event during 2022. She ventures to boost community engagement through volunteer efforts in 2023 and is hoping that the City will approve the proclamation.

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Mayor Richer read the Proclamation in full.

Councilor Van Damme called Ms. Sneed to comment about the financial implications and the responsibilities of the city. Sneed replied that the city will only need to post the proclamation and the Community would be responsible for the researching of the volunteers. In addition, Ms. Sneed said that that there will likely be requests for grants regarding awards and their distributions. Mayor Richer clarified that currently there is no financial commitment with the passing of the Proclamation.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve Proclamation 2023-01 – Year of the Volunteer. Seconded by Councilor Shields. Councilor Shields and Councilor Ignazzitto were in favor. Councilor VanDamme was opposed. Motion passed.

3. Financial Reports – October-November 2022

Mrs. Ivans gave a brief report on the Financials. She said that from this point on, these reports will be added to the Consent Agenda. The Council had no comments or questions.

4. City Council Vacancy

Mr. Wullschlager presented applicant Jeffrey Brian Poteet for the vacant city council seat. Councilor Van Damme and Councilor Ignazzitto complemented the applicant's credentials, and Mayor Richer noted the diversity of his experience. Mr. Wullschlager presented the options available due to Mr. Poteet not being a resident within City Limits for 12 months the options were: a) To accept his application and no decision will be made b) wait for more applicants until April 2023 c) make him councilor elect. Councilor Van Damme wanted to make councilor elect, Councilor Shields said to keep options open until April and wait to see if anyone else applies. Councilor Ignazzitto agreed with Councilor Shields and would like to wait for more applicants. Councilor Ignazzitto recommended waiting until March 2023 and then if no other applications making Mr. Poteet councilor elect. Mayor

Richer recommended to Mr. Poteet that he should sit on another committee if interested. Mr. Poteet expressed interest in SLED.

It was decided that the position should stay open until more applications are received.

5. Opening of LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool) Account

Mrs. Ivans is recommending that the City open an account with LGIP and transfer 5 million dollars from the City's current Money Market Account with Washington Federal. She gave a brief overview of the LGIP's banking system and noted the increased interest rates. She said that the auditors had recommended this account for that reason.

After a brief discussion, **Councilor Van Damme made a motion to approve Opening of LGIP Account. Seconded by Councilor Ignazzitto. Motion approved.**

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilor Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

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STAFF COMMENTS

Amanda Metcalf: Excited to be at here at her first Council Meeting.

Alexa Repko: Ms. Repko had a quick update; she has had a few applications and is working on a 60-unit affordable housing on Memorial and Huntington. The Planning Committee will have a hearing for a subdivision, in addition to the Flood Plain Ordinance which she is waiting on FEMA. Ms. Repko is currently updating maps, gearing to update the long-range plans, and updating the platform Accela.

Geoff Wullschlager: The Wastewater/Water project is 3-6 months ahead of schedule. The road to the plant was constructed over with the new lagoon. The new road is closed because the weather has damaged it. The Engineers are working on a solution, including a solution for septage dumpers. One solution is having them sign a waiver of liability with conditions and the road can only be at times below when the weather is below 40 degrees. A large portion of the testing is underway for the new water mainline, including a chlorine test, a pressure test, and bacT test.

Mr. Wullschlager reported that the transition of Power for the seat of Governor changed this week, and Governor Kotek has signed three executive orders regarding homelessness which will have unknown impacts and city mandates.

Councilor Van Damme mentioned that Skidgel Road is also damaged. Mr. Wullschlager reported that once the road thaws the city will be diligent about blading the road. Mr. Wullschlager offered to put out a public notice regarding the roads. Mayor Richer would like a sign at the beginning of all the roads in that subdivision that do not have an outlet. Staff said that they would work on with the Contractor on this endeavor.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Richer: Thanked Amanda Metcalf for coming onto the staff.

Councilor Van Damme: Comments addressed in previous section.

Councilor Shields: No Comment

Councilor Ignazzitto: no comment

ADJOURMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:13

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There was no Executive Session.